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Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Appointment of 24 experts to the Committee of Experts on Public Administration

Note by the Secretary-General

Listed below are the names of additional candidates nominated by the Secretary-General, together with their biographical information, for consideration by the Economic and Social Council.

1. **Marie-Françoise Bechtel (France)**

Ms. Bechtel is a State Councillor who received the *agrégation* in philosophy from the Ecole nationale d'administration in 1980. She has held various posts in the State Council and elsewhere: lecturer at the Institut d'études politiques (1984-1989); technical adviser in the cabinet of Jean-Pierre Chevènement for private institutions (1984-1986); responsible for constitutional issues and public law and later director of the cabinet of the Ministry of Justice (1992-1993); adviser to the Minister of Internal Affairs (1999-2000); rapporteur for the Vedel Commission on constitutional reform (February 1993); Chairman of the Board of the Support Fund for Local Radio (1991-1995); Director of ENA since September 2000.

2. **Giuseppe Franco Ferrari (Italy)**

Mr. Ferrari received his law degree from Pavia University Law School (1972) and a PhD in public law from the Catholic University, Milan (1975). He has taught public law, constitutional law and public comparative law at the Catholic University, Milan; the University of Teramo; the University of Pavia; and Bocconi University of Milan, where he has been Professor of public comparative law since 1999.

3. **Otton Solis-Fallas (Costa Rica)**

Mr. Solis-Fallas is an economist with first degrees from Costa Rica and postgraduate degrees from the University of Manchester. He has done teaching work at Manchester and Reading Universities in the United Kingdom and at several Costa

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Rican universities, including the United Nations University for Peace. He is a member of the University Board of the Open University of Costa Rica. He has been a researcher at the Sustainable Development Research Centre, University of Costa Rica. He has been a thesis tutor at the University of Costa Rica and the University of Manchester. He has done work as an economist for the Central Bank of Costa Rica, a development regional authority, the Planning and Economic Policy Ministry, and as a consultant for ECLA, UNDP, SIDA, OAS etc. He has served as minister, congressman, central bank board member and chairman of congress committees related to public sector reform. He was the co-founder and presidential candidate of the Citizens Action Party. He has served as President of the Interamerican Economic and Social Council of the Organization of American States.

4. **Patricia Sto. Tomas (Philippines)**

Ms. Sto. Tomas is currently Secretary (Minister) for Labour and Employment (February 2001 to present), with concurrent positions in a number of agencies. She served as Chairman of the Civil Service Commission (1988-1995); Administrator, Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, Department of Labour and Employment (1982-1986); Assistant Secretary (Assistant Minister) for Human Resource Development, Department of Education, Culture and Sports (January-June 1987); Undersecretary (Deputy Minister), Department of Labour and Employment (July 1987-March 1988); and Executive Director, Institute for Labour and Manpower Studies, Department of Labour and Employment (1980-1982). She was President of the eighty-ninth session of the International Labour Conference held in Geneva from 5 to 21 June 2001. She was Professor of Public Administration, College of Public Administration, University of the Philippines from June 1995 to May 1996. She holds a Masters degree in public administration from Harvard University.

5. **Sakhir Thiam (Senegal)**

Mr. Thiam holds the degree of Docteur d'Etat in mathematics from the University of Paris (1976) and a diploma in economic management. He is an econometrician, linguist, poet and musician (composer). He has been a university professor since 1978, President of the Université Dakar Bourguiba, a private university, since 1995 and is a former Minister of Higher Education of Senegal.

6. **Borwornsak Uwanno (Thailand)**

Mr. Uwanno is currently Secretary General of King Prajadhipok's Institute and Professor of Public Law at Chulalongkorn University. He is also serving as Chairman of the Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn Anthropology Centre; Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Ministry of Justice; member of the Audit Committee of the Central Bank of Thailand; member of the Audit Committee of the Eastern Water Resources Development and Management Public Company; member of the Council of State; member of the Law Reform Committee; member of the Law Commission for Development; Chairman of the Board of Rajabhat Thonburi Institute; member of Chulalongkorn University Council; member of Silpakorn University Council; member of the Prince of Songkla University Council; member of the Police Academy Council; member of the National Health System Reform Committee; member of the Small and Medium-sized Enterprise Committee; member of the Board of Directors, Provincial Waterworks Authority; member of the

Board of Directors, Metropolitan Waterworks Authority; member of the Board of Directors, Eastern Water Resources Development and Management Public Company; and lecturer of Constitutional Law at the Thai Bar. He has formerly been Dean of the Faculty of Law, Chulalongkorn University; Senator; Secretary and Rapporteur of the Drafting and Scrutiny Committee of the Constitution Drafting Assembly; Deputy Secretary General to the Prime Minister; policy adviser to the Prime Minister; adviser to Parliament; expert of the Committee on the House of Representatives; and member of the Committee on Administrative Reform.